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Hi, Miss Shelly. What are we doing today?" Jason was the first to arrive in the gym for Kids Central.

"Hello, Jason. I can't tell you until everyone else arrives. But you can help me pass out these index cards," Miss Shelly said.

"Hi." Nina walked in next. "What are



the cards for?"

"We can't find out until everyone gets here," Jason told her.

Bobby and Izzie walked in.

"Let's start!" Jason told Miss Shelly. "Everyone is here."

"Jason, let me sit down first. Geesh!" Izzie rolled her eyes at Nina and sat down



at the table. “Okay, *now* I’m ready.”

“Today we will do something impossible,” Miss Shelly said.

“No way. That’s impossible!” Bobby said. Everyone laughed.

“Hold up your index card. Which is bigger, the card or your face?” Miss Shelly asked.



“My face,” Izzie and Nina said at the same time.

“Of course my face,” Bobby said.

But Jason shook his head. He had seen magic shows before. “Is this a trick question?” he asked. “I think the card is bigger.”

“You think the card is bigger? Let’s

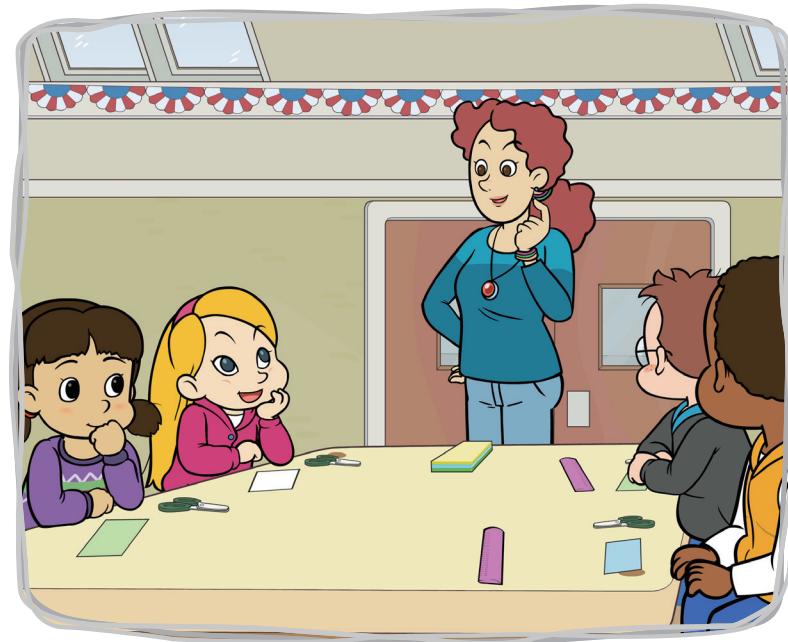


measure and see,” Miss Shelly said. “How big is the card?”

Bobby measured. “13 centimeters wide and 8 centimeters tall.”

“Have you ever measured your face?” Miss Shelly asked.

“My face is 17 centimeters long and 12 centimeters wide,” Jason said.



“So your head is bigger. But I bet you can fit your head through this little index card.” Miss Shelly held up her card.

“What? No way!” Jason said.

“Impossible,” Bobby said.

“I bet Miss Shelly can do it,” Izzy said. She smiled at her favorite teacher.

“Well, I’ll show you a trick,” Miss



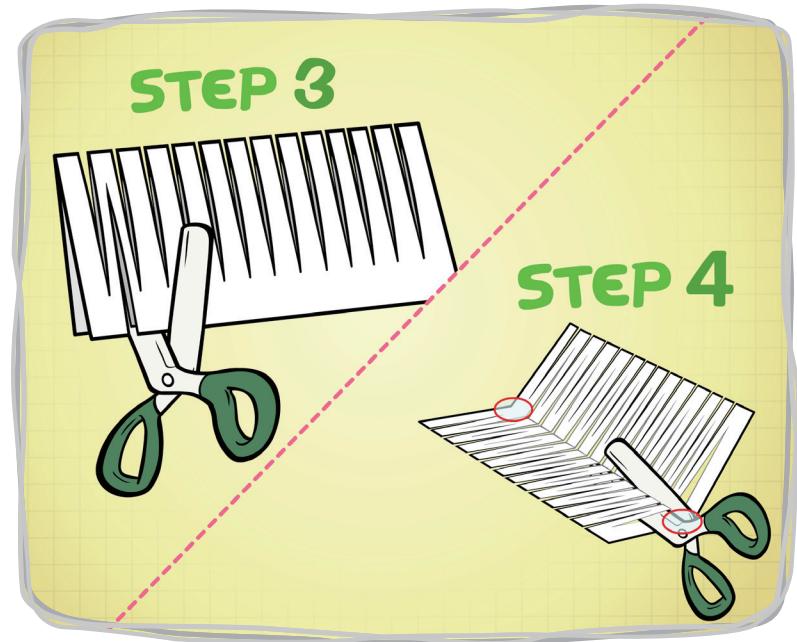
Shelly said.

“A magic trick?” Jason asked.

“Not a magic trick. A real trick,” she answered.

“Step 1: Fold your card in half from top to bottom. Step 2: Make 13 small cuts on the folded side of your card.”

Everyone cut carefully.



“Step 3: Make 13 small cuts on the open side of your card.

“Step 4: Carefully unfold your card and cut along the fold. But do not cut the first edge or the last edge. What do you have?”

Jason unfolded his card. His eyes opened wide. “Wow! It’s huge. And my head fits through it!”



“But it’s still just a regular index card.”
Miss Shelly put her card back together.

“That’s a cool trick, Miss Shelly,”
Jason said. “Will you teach us more like
that?”

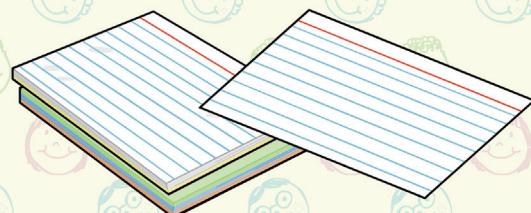
“Sure. But right now I think your dad’s
waiting for you.” She pointed to the door.

“Dad!” Jason jumped up. “Want to see

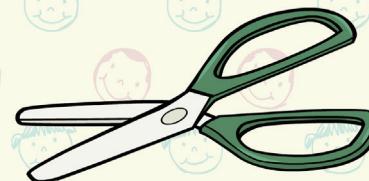


a cool trick? I can put my head through an
index card!”

Things You'll Need



an index card
or any 8 x 13 cm piece of paper

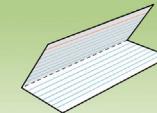


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Do It Yourself



1) Bet someone that you can stick your head through an index card.



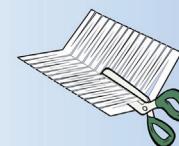
2) Fold the card in half from top to bottom.



3) Make 13 small cuts on the folded side of the card. Be careful not to cut through the card.



4) Make 13 small cuts on the open side of the card. Be careful not to cut through the card.



5) Unfold the card and cut along the fold. Do not cut the first edge or the last edge.



6) Amaze everyone by sticking your head through an index card!